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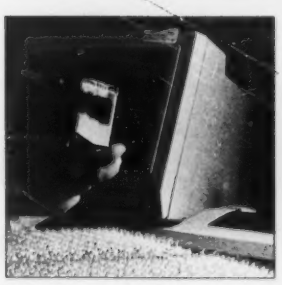

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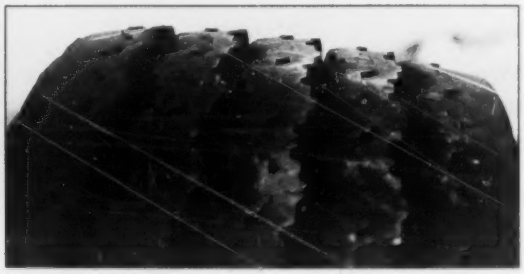

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE

We hate to keep you in suspense, but CCJ won't publish a two-part story on suspensions until September. With that issue, CCJ will kick off a series on savvy spec'ing.

"Part I: Suspension Basics" is a review of what's expected of a suspension system, and which types are best suited for various applications. Also included is a buyer's guide.

The second part deals with the air vs. mechanical suspension debate. Fleetmen and suppliers will explain why they think one suspension system is better than the other.

The September issue also will include an update of federal insurance requirements for underground fuel storage tanks, plus sources of insurance coverage. □

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a national maximum weight limit on ocean containers is designed to "limit efficiency [of ocean shippers], increase carrier revenues and increase costs of U.S. exporters."

A study by shippers, ocean carriers, motor carriers, ports and other interests under the umbrella of the National Industry Transportation League is under way. It covers increased policy enforcement through random inspections, weight inspection programs at ports, stringent penalties for mislabeling weights, and permit freedoms for truckers carrying overweight boxes short distances. □

President Bush vetoes parental leave bill

President George Bush's veto of the parental leave bill has freed companies from the expense of providing health benefits and job security to employees.

The measure would have required firms with at least 50 employees at any one site to offer up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to workers caring for newborns, newly adopted children or ill family members, including themselves. During the leave, workers would have received health benefits and would have been guaranteed a job on their return.

The bill was strongly supported by organized labor and some women's groups.

In his veto message, Bush said he favors help for working parents, but policies to encourage help for families "should be crafted at the workplace by employers and employees, not through government..." Several states have comparable parental leave legislation.

Bush also said that U.S. firms, facing fierce competition, must have "flexibility" to be competitive and meet the needs of employees at the same time.

Business firms, in urging the veto, said they feared that passage of the family leave bill would open the door for other laws requiring employee benefits. □

Salary chart correction

This Income By Fleet Size bar chart was part of the management salary survey story published in the July issue of CCJ. Due to a print production glitch, the chart description failed to note that the top bar for each job category reflects salaries for fleets with 25 to 99 vehicles and the bottom bars represent salaries for carriers with 500 or more units.